nal Affairs Minister outlined the adverse economic impact of the Gulf crisis on the Indian economy. He pointed out that Indian had been affected severely due to increase in the price of oil, cut-off in remittances and loss of exports. The adverse impact was not quantified. No specific request was made for aid from the US. Mr. Baker expressed sympathy with Indian's situation and observed that the adverse economic impact on the economies of several countries (including India) had to be addressed by the international community.

**Memorandum to the Indian High Commission, Dhaka to ban an Encylopaedia**

738 SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE·
SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD.

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state·

(a) whether leaders of Islamic Student's Federation of Bangladesh, presented a memorandum to the Indian High Commission in Dhaka on the 24th Septmeber, 1990 urging to ban an Encyclopaedia published by a Ne Delhi firm;

(b) if so, the details in this regard, and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA)· (a) to (c) The Indian High Commission in Dhaka received sveeral represenations, including one on 24 September 1990 from the Islamic Chhatra Shibit, urging the Government of India to improve a ban on "Biswakosh", an encyclopaedia in Bengali published by B R Publishing Corporation, New Delhi According to these representation, one volume of the encyclopaedia contained material which was offensive to Muslim sentiments. Government understand that when this fact was brought to the notice of the publishers of encyclopaedia, they withdrew it from circulation.

**Arson and Looting in Kuwait**

739. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report which appeared in the National Herald of September 21, 1990 under the caption "Arson, looting on in Kuwait";

(b) if so, the number of Indians who were subjected to such looting and harassment; and what are the details of such lootings; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to evacuate them from Kuwait?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In the context of the general deterioration in law and order situation, many, including some Indian nationals were subjected to such looting and harassment: this included theft of cash, jewellery and movable property, break-ins and forcible entry into homes.

(c) Government of India has taken all steps necessary to repatriate those who wished to leave About 1,50,000 have been repatriated

**Pakistan's nuclear capability**

740 SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD·

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report enttled

"Nuclear Ambitions" released on September 19, 1990 from Washington according to which Pakistan was now capable of deploying five to ten nuclear bombs for delivery by air-craft;

(b) whether Government have since verified the reports; and

(c) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Government are fully aware of the clandestine and weapons oriented nature of Pakinstan's nuclear programme. India's deep concern about Pakistan's weapons oriented nuclear programme has been conveyed to all concerned, including Pakistan. The security situation of India remains constantly under review. Government of India will take all necessary measures designed to cope with any threat that may be posed to India's security.

**NAM Efforts on solution of Gulf Crisis**

741. PROF SOURENDRA BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state

(a) whether NAM efforts to find a peaceful solution of the Gulf Crisis has been able to make any break-through; if so, the details in this regard; and

(b) whether Government consider the package deal of simultaneous solution of Gulf Crisis and Palestinian problem acceptable?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA): (a) The efforts of NAM to find a peaceful solution of the Gulf crisis are continuing

(b) The Government of India believes that both the Gulf crisis and the palestinian question should be urgently resolved However, there need be no direct linkage between these two questions.

**मध्य प्रदेश में प्रदूषण रहित पर्यावरण को बढ़ावा देने संबंधी कार्यक्रमों को क्रियान्वित करने के लिए वित्तीय सहायता**

742. **श्री अजीत जोगी :**
**कुमारी आलिया :**

**क्या पर्यावरण और वन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :**

(क) मध्य प्रदेश में गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान प्रदूषण रहित पर्यावरण को बढ़ावा देने संबंधी कार्यक्रमों को लागू करने के लिए मध्य प्रदेश सरकार को वर्ष-वार कितनी वित्तीय सहायता दी गई ;

(ख) गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान इस कार्यक्रम पर वास्तव में कितनी धनराशि खर्च हुई ;

(ग) उक्त अवधि के दौरान यदि कोई राशि बिना खर्च हुए रह गई है, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है, और उसे खर्च न किए जाने के क्या कारण है ,

(घ) उक्त अवधि के दौरान किए गए कार्यों का वर्ष-वार ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ङ) क्या सरकार को उक्त धनराशि के खर्च किए जाने मे हुई अनियमितताओ तथा कदाचारो के बारे मे शिकायतें प्राप्त हुई है ; और

(च) इन मामलो मे दोषी पाए गए व्यक्तियो के विरुद्ध क्या कार्यवाही की गई है ?

**पर्यावरण और वन मंत्रालय की राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती मेनका गांन्धी) :** (क) पिछले तीन वर्षो मे प्रदूषण नियत्रण के कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वित करने के लिए मध्य प्रदेश सरकार और मध्य प्रदेश प्रदूषण नियत्रण बोर्ड को प्रदान की गई वित्तीय सहायता का ब्यौरा निम्नलिखित है —

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| 1987–88 | 14.25 लाख रुपये |
| 1988–89 | 1.87 लाख रुपये |
| 1989–90 | 19.28 लाख रुपये |